U. H. J.

Post Meridiem

The honble his Majesty's Council in Assembly Sate Present as in the morning

His Excell having been pleased to propose to the Board whether It might not conduce to the Advancem^t of the Tob^o Trade that all Tob^{os} in this Province should be got ready to be Shipped by the tenth day of May yearly and that no Tob^{os} be paid away or Shipped after that Time in any one year till the first of October following

The Gentlemen of the Board Severally gave their opinions and first the Honble L^t Col Richard Tilghman says he believes It will mightily conduce to the Advancement of the Staple & lessening the Freight by the Tobaccos being got ready by the tenth of May yearly and the rest of the Gentlemen of the Council agreeing therewith

Resolved Nemine Contradicente that necessary and effectual means be used to reduce this matter to practice.

And it being of great Consequence Resolved the Conference be desired with some of the members of the House of Delegates on the 6th of May next on this Subject

Whereupon the following Message was sent to the House by Col Young and Col Tilghman

By his Excellency the Governour & Council in Assembly April the 30th 1715

P. 18 His Excellency and this Board being of opinion that if all Tobaccos in this Province were got ready in Cask by the tenth of May yearly and that no Tobo should be paid away or shipped after that time till the first of October following in any one year It would mightily conduce to the advancement of our Staple and lessening of the Price of Freight have therefore thought fit to desire a Conference between some of the members of your House & of this Board to be held on Friday the 6th of May next upon that Subject

Signed p order W^m Bladen Cl Coun.

Col Young and Col Tilghman return & say they have delivered their message

The Board Adjourned till nine of the Clock on Monday morning

Monday May the 2d 1715

His Majesty's honble Council in Assembly Sate